



CITY OF CHICAGO



DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Pat Dowell
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Jennie H. Bennett
Chief Financial Officer
Mayor's Office

CC: Tiffany Sostrin
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: October 31, 2019

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 27-01 Parking Meter Utilization in Neighborhoods

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Tunney requested the parking meter utilization rates in the neighborhoods.

There are approximately 3,900 meters (29,200 spaces) in the neighborhood zones. These meters have a range of utilizations from 0.001% to 243.41%, with a mean of 26.79% and a median of 19.33%.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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To: The Honorable Pat Dowell
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From: Reshma Soni
City Comptroller

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Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: October 29, 2019

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 27-02 Breakdown of 0138 and 0140 Expense Accounts

The following information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked for the breakdown of the Comptroller's 0138 and 0140 expense accounts.

Please see the attached breakdown of each account.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.

2020 Budget - Dept. of Finance

Breakdown of Account 0138

Dept	Fund	Org	Org Desc	Account	Account Description	Program # and Description	Justification	2020 Budget
27	100	2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0138	Prof Services - IT Maintenance			
						0240 Accounts Receivable	1. Citation Administration: Parking and Red Light database support, printing, mailing, customer service and admin services	16,000,000
							2. Citation Administration: Speed camera database support, violation review, customer service, printing, mailing and admin services	2,850,000
							3. Out of state license plate look up services	500,000
								\$ 19,350,000

Breakdown of Account 0140

Dept	Fund	Org	Org Desc	Account	Account Description	Program # and Description	Justification	2020 Budget
27	100	2012	Accounting Financial Reporting	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	012A Accounting and Financial Reporting	1. Consultants to assist with the Financial Statements audit	\$75,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	1. Financial Policy: City's independent registered municipal advisor; amounts allocated across all funds	\$85,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	2. Financial Policy: Cash flow forecasting and AR Tracking project	\$500,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015B Financial Operations	1. Payroll: Consulting services for program/language writing/programming	\$100,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015B Financial Operations	Benefits: Connect Your Care: Transit benefit for the entire city	\$35,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011D Admin and Planning / Fiscal Admin	Shredding costs for the entire dept., per 2FM recommendation	\$5,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011E Admin and Planning / Personnel	Personnel: 3rd level grievance hearing costs	\$1,800
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	1. Cashiering: Check verification services	\$235,200
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	2. Cashiering: Armored car services	\$116,400
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0220 Tax Policy and Administration	1. Tax Policy: printing and mailing services to send tax notices and tax discovery mailings	\$40,500
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services		2. Tax Policy: Business Call Center	\$1,271,239
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0230 Street Operations	1. Parking Enforcement: PEO services to write parking tickets during off-hours and weekends	\$1,980,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services		2. Booting: Booting services at airports	\$625,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services		3. Booting: Boot release (\$35.88/removal) and towing services	\$595,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	1. Citation Admin: Secretary of State DL suspension fees (\$10/ea) for driving violations	\$200,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services		1. Advanced Collections: Printing and mailing services for advanced collection notices	\$40,500
								\$5,905,639

2020 Budget - Dept. of Finance

Breakdown of Account 0138

Dept	Fund	Org	Org Desc	Account	Account Description	Program # and Description	Justification	2020 Budget
27	100	2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0138	Prof Services - IT Maintenance			
						0240 Accounts Receivable	1. Citation Administration: Parking and Red Light database support, printing, mailing, customer service and admin services	16,000,000
							2. Citation Administration: Speed camera database support, violation review, customer service, printing, mailing and admin services	2,850,000
							3. Out of state license plate look up services	500,000
								\$ 19,350,000

Breakdown of Account 0140

Dept	Fund	Org	Org Desc	Account	Account Description	Program # and Description	Justification	2020 Budget
	200	2011	City Comptroller	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011A Office of the City Comptroller	Benefits: Connect Your Care: Transit benefit for the entire city	\$4,552
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	1. Financial Policy: City's independent registered municipal advisor	\$20,994
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	1. Cashiering: Water portion of check verification services	\$17,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	2. Cashiering: Water portion of armored car services	\$19,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	5. Cashiering: Web portal/Bills/Letter Development	\$2,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	6. Cashiering: Printing/mailling services	\$75,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	1. UBCS: Printing/mailling services	\$499,069
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	2. UBCS: Call center costs	\$3,585,904
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	3. UBCS: Recorder of Deeds access for address verification services	\$4,200
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	4. UBCS: Bank lockbox processing fees	\$420,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	5. UBCS: RealInfo bankrupcy database access	\$7,020
		2020	Revenue Services and Operation	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0240 Accounts Receivable	6. UBCS: Security guard services	\$40,000
								\$4,694,739

	314	2011	City Comptroller	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011A Office of the City Comptroller	Benefits: Connect Your Care: Transit benefit for the entire city	\$5,100
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	1. Financial Policy: City's independent registered municipal advisor	\$16,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	0210 Payment Processing	1. Cashiering: Web portal/Bills/Letter Development	\$2,000
		2020	Revenue Services and Operations	.0140	Professional and Technical Services		2. Cashiering: Printing/mailling services	\$75,000
								\$98,100

	610	2011	City Comptroller	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011A Office of the City Comptroller	Benefits: Connect Your Care: Transit benefit for the entire city	\$6,552
		2012	Accounting and Financial Reporting	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	012C Enterprise Accounting	Indirect/cost fringe rate study	\$10,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	1. Financial Policy: City's independent registered municipal advisor	\$26,000
								\$42,552

	740	2011	City Comptroller	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	011A Office of the City Comptroller	Benefits: Connect Your Care: Transit benefit for the entire city	\$6,552
		2012	Accounting and Financial Reporting	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	012C Enterprise Accounting	Indirect/cost fringe rate study	\$54,650
		2012	Accounting and Financial Reporting	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	012C Enterprise Accounting	Consulting/accounting services for audit	\$15,000
		2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015A Financial Strategy	1. Financial Policy: City's independent registered municipal advisor	\$78,000
								\$154,202

				.0140	Professional and Technical Services			
	0B26	2015	Financial Strategy and Ops	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	015B Financial Operations	Chicago Parking Meters True-Up payments	\$14,000,000

	0I45	2512	Accounting and Fincial Reporting	.0140	Professional and Technical Services	012B Grant and Project Accounting	Consultants for the CDBG audit	\$79,491
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Total 0140 Dept of Finance

\$24,974,723



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ID#: 27-05 Cars Parked Over 18-inches from the Curb

The following information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Tunney requested the number of tickets written for cars parked over 18 inches away from the curb, broken down by ward.

Per Municipal Code section 9-64-020(a), it shall be unlawful to stand or park any vehicle, except for a motorcycle or motor scooter, in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with the curbside wheels of the vehicle within 12 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway.

Please see the attached number and location of tickets written for cars parked over 12 inches away from the curb.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.

Tickets issued for 9-64-020A By Ward

Ward	Number of Tickets Issued	
	2018	2019 thru 9/30
1	1,103	400
2	1,689	452
3	608	195
4	523	161
5	371	153
6	113	85
7	130	65
8	162	59
9	150	66
10	134	70
11	463	147
12	122	94
13	78	43
14	76	35
15	95	65
16	113	69
17	120	76
18	79	51
19	90	71
20	139	81
21	191	95
22	78	39
23	43	37
24	132	94
25	1,239	295
26	163	102
27	740	404
28	405	167
29	98	73
30	69	19
31	73	35
32	284	131
33	81	37
34	143	55
35	89	42
36	50	31
37	104	71
38	43	30
39	79	54
40	139	36
41	62	46
42	2,672	945
43	1,193	325
44	1,904	438
45	77	50
46	428	135
47	240	111
48	137	63
49	109	73
50	159	84
unidentified	24	31



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ID#: 27-06 Workers' Compensation Budget and Spend Rates

The following information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked for the workers' compensation program budget and spend rates for 2018, 2019 and 2020, as well as confirmation of the administrative fee paid to the third-party administrator.

Please see the attached for the workers' compensation program budget and spend rates for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

In addition, the administrative fee to be paid to the third-party administrator is \$1.7 million in 2019.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.

All Funds	2018	2018	2019	2019	2020
	Appropriation	Expenditure	Appropriation	Expenditure as of 10/01/2019	Proposed Appropriation
WC					
Corporate - 100	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ 37,393,565.09	\$ 39,000,000.00	\$ 23,196,167.62	\$ 39,000,000.00
Water - 200	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 10,970,575.04	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 7,510,346.94	\$ 12,000,000.00
Vehicle - 300	\$ 12,500,000.00	\$ 9,944,668.97	\$ 12,500,000.00	\$ 7,343,896.52	\$ 12,500,000.00
Sewer -314	\$ 5,900,000.00	\$ 5,636,766.32	\$ 5,900,000.00	\$ 4,636,778.43	\$ 5,900,000.00
Library - 346	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 166,891.19	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 307,325.93	\$ 550,000.00
Municipal Hotel Operators - 355	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 624.38	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 585.69	\$ 55,000.00
<i>Subtotal - Civilian</i>	\$ 71,005,000.00	\$ 64,113,090.99	\$ 70,005,000.00	\$ 42,995,101.13	\$ 70,005,000.00
Midway - 610-85	2,050,085.00	632,394.52	1,050,085.00	709,777.51	1,050,085.00
O'Hare - 740-85	12,242,520.00	3,785,904.50	7,242,520.00	4,827,320.94	7,242,520.00
Midway -610-99	175,000.00	53,982.66	175,000.00	118,286.70	175,000.00
O'Hare - 740-99	330,000.00	96,356.29	330,000.00	223,054.87	330,000.00
<i>Subtotal - Aviation</i>	\$ 14,797,605.00	\$ 4,568,637.97	\$ 8,797,605.00	\$ 5,878,440.02	\$ 8,797,605.00
Civilian and Aviation Totals	\$ 85,802,605.00	\$ 68,681,728.96	\$ 78,802,605.00	\$ 48,873,541.15	\$ 78,802,605.00
POLICE AND FIRE					
POLICE					
Corporate - 100	\$ 19,000,000.00	\$ 17,757,631.20	\$ 19,000,000.00	\$ 14,523,187.99	\$ 19,000,000.00
Midway - 610	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 3,398.09	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 44,662.27	\$ 65,000.00
O'Hare - 740	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 195,523.32	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 158,901.99	\$ 160,000.00
<i>Subtotal - Police</i>	\$ 19,225,000.00	\$ 17,956,552.61	\$ 19,225,000.00	\$ 14,726,752.25	\$ 19,225,000.00
FIRE					
Corporate - 100	\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 4,397,967.33	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 3,488,100.55	\$ 6,000,000.00
Midway - 610	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 21,353.03	\$ 157,500.00	\$ 27,429.63	\$ 157,500.00
O'Hare - 740	\$ 247,500.00	\$ 64,591.81	\$ 247,500.00	\$ 26,038.20	\$ 247,500.00
<i>Subtotal - Fire</i>	\$ 9,405,000.00	\$ 4,483,912.17	\$ 6,405,000.00	\$ 3,541,568.38	\$ 6,405,000.00
Police & Fire Totals	28,630,000.00	22,440,464.78	25,630,000.00	18,268,320.63	25,630,000.00
GRAND TOTAL WC & PF	114,432,605.00	91,122,193.74	104,432,605.00	67,141,861.78	104,432,605.00



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ID#: 27-07 Parking Meter True Up

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department’s hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Waguespack asked about the annual True Up for parking meters, and what is the outlook for Exempt Persons Annual Excess Loss (‘EPAEL’) portion of the True Up?

The table below notes the annual True Up payment by component for the last five years on a fiscal year basis. 2019 only includes 3 quarters of payments, and preliminary estimates project True Up of \$14.0M in 2019.

Year	Required Closure Payment	SIS Payment	EPAEL Payment	Total Expense
2015	\$ (2,666,160)	\$ (4,910,343)	\$ -	\$ (7,576,503)
2016	\$ (6,024,806)	\$ (7,216,538)	\$ (171,456)	\$ (13,412,800)
2017	\$ (8,847,692)	\$ (10,685,604)	\$ -	\$ (19,533,295)
2018	\$ (6,367,035)	\$ (13,436,112)	\$ -	\$ (19,803,147)
2019*	\$ (3,503,852)	\$ (7,194,858)	\$ -	\$ (10,698,709)

Regarding the EPAEL payment, the state legislation that changed the meter exempt rules to now allow only those with the most severe impairments to be exempt from meter payments has significantly reduced the City’s liability to this component of the True Up.

The Concessionaire performs quarterly surveys and provides the City with those results. The City is also in communication with the Secretary of State's office regarding any reported abuse of such placards.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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ID#: 27-08 Parking Meter Funds

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Sawyer asked if the City gets to keep excess revenues raised from increased parking meter rates.

The City will recapture virtually all the additional value from meter rate increases in the form of True Up reduction. The table below shows historical and projected True Up amounts once the rate increase and additional meters are implemented.

Year	Total Expense
2015	\$ (7,576,503)
2016	\$ (13,412,800)
2017	\$ (19,533,295)
2018	\$ (19,803,147)
2019	\$ (14,000,000)
2020	\$ (7,000,000)
2021	\$ (3,000,000)

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ID#: 27-09 Parking Meter Agreement

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Hairston asked for a copy of the Parking Meter Concession Agreement.

The Amended Concession Agreement can be found online at:

https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/fin/supp_info/AssetLeaseAgreements/MeterParking/AmendedRestatedConcessionAgreement1st_2ndAmendments.pdf

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ID#: 27-10 Assignment of Parking Enforcement Aids

The following information is in response to Alderman King's question regarding the assignment of Parking Enforcement Aids (PEAs) throughout the City.

The City is divided into 194 enforcement zones with the majority of the zones located in the Central Business District (CBD) and surrounding areas. The zones within the CBD and near north are smaller, requiring more consistent and repeat enforcement. There are 23 of these zones, representing about 12 percent of all zones. An enforcement map is attached for reference.

The Department of Finance (DOF) is continually analyzing the results of its enforcement strategies in order to ensure enforcement is both effective and equitable. The number of zones was recently increased from 120 zones to 194, and DOF is utilizing data analysis to more precisely assign staff where enforcement is needed most based on such factors as the location of meters, residential permit parking, rush hour restrictions, street cleaning, and 911 and 311 complaints. Additionally, historical ticket issuance of specific violations which pose the greatest potential harm on the public way are factored into the data model. These violations include parking or standing in a bike lane, double parking, no parking or standing, and disabled parking.

There are more zones than personnel, and zones require enforcement on differing schedules. For instance, zones in the CBD need enforcement every day. Consequently, DOF designed a methodology for prioritizing staff assignments. A separate prioritization for each day of the week was created based on the likelihood of citations estimating the probability of infractions on both parking meter use and historical issuance for certain violations. Further, the prioritization is influenced by unique daily events like street cleaning or historical bike lane complaints that are specific to a block and/or enforcement zone(s).

PEAs are dispatched from one of four locations around the City, with the majority working from City Hall and DOF's location at 940 West Exchange. There are smaller crews dispatched from 4445 North Pulaski and 2006 East 95th Street. Many of the smaller zones in and surrounding the CBD are patrolled on foot or by bike and many of the larger zones and zones which are not in close proximity to a DOF location are patrolled by PEAs who are driven to and from those zones.

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ID#: 27-11 Casino

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Beale asked for the Chicago casino formula.

We are continuing to work with our partners in Springfield to iron out the details of a revised tax structure for a Chicago casino that will optimize benefits for all parties. We have made significant progress on working through these specifics and will provide a full update once a final structure is available to be shared.

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ID#: 27-13 Rainy Day Fund

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Scott asked what the current balance is of the City's "rainy day" fund.

The City's "rainy day" fund – or Service Concession and Reserve Fund – accounts for deferred inflows from nonbusiness type long-term concession and lease transactions. Per the City's 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) the balance of this fund was \$652.5 million.

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ID#: 27-14 Pension ARC

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Sawyer asked what the difference is between an actual and smoothed pension actuarially required contribution (ARC).

The pension fund actuaries calculate annually the ARC needed to reach 90 percent funding by 2055 for PABF and FABF and 2058 for MEABF and LABF. If the pension funds have negative returns in any given year, the following year's ARC does not increase by the total loss of the prior year. Instead, the incurred loss is smoothed over the entire contribution period until 90 percent funding is achieved.

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ID#: 27-15 Credit Card Merchant Fee Rate

The following information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Tunney wanted confirmation that the credit card merchant fee rate went up from 1.8 percent to 1.97 percent.

The Department of Finance confirmed that the average credit card merchant fee rate went up from 1.8 percent to 1.97 percent.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.



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ID#: 27-16 Utility Billing Relief Program

The following information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Alderman Ervin requested that Department of Finance provide the estimated debt write-off related to the Utility Billing Relief Program (UBR).

The UBR is intended be revenue neutral. There are many homeowners currently not making any payments. By reducing the rate by 50 percent going forward on water, sewer and water/sewer utility tax for homeowners that are eligible, the City will start to receive payments from these homeowners. This would be offset by previous unpaid debt that will be forgiven once they complete 12 months of successful program participation; however, much of this debt is uncollectible. DOF will assess the impact periodically in 2020 and will modify the program as needed. The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County (CEDA) estimates 20,000 homeowners may be eligible for UBR based on their experience with LIHEAP.

As always, please let us know if you have questions.



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To: Brendan Reilly
President Pro Tempore
Alderman, 42nd Ward

From: Reshma Soni
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Date: October 31, 2019

Re: 2020 Budget Hearing Responses

ID#: 27-31, 27-32

The following information is in response to the questions you submitted ahead of our department's hearing on October 28, 2019 to discuss the proposed 2020 budget.

Please refer to the Chicago Police Department for the following requests:

- Provide the total number of tickets issued to "Don't Block the Box" (\$250 Fine) by Ward in 2018 and 2019 YTD
- Provide the number of tickets issued for "Riding a Bicycle on Sidewalk" in 2018 and 2019 YTD in the 42nd Ward. Also, include the number of tickets issued for riding e-scooters for the same time frame

As always, please let us know if you have questions.